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GREAT DRIVE IS ON TO SAVE WATER

Federal and State Officials Ask All to Conserve in Use of Water, Owing to Unprecedented Drought — Richmond's Supply Is Adequate for Season With Ordinary Precaution.

In the hope of minimizing what they term is the inevitable ill effect of the unparalleled drought that is gripping California, and in an effort to impress upon every water user the great need of conserving the scanty water supply, federal and state officials have issued an appeal to all water users to lay aside their individual interests and join in a "save the water" movement.

The warning and appeal are a result of a meeting last Friday under the direction of the Railroad Commission at which was discussed at length the grave situation confronting the state because of two years of scanty rain and snow fall followed by one of the driest years in the history of the state.

Declaring that the present water supply is the lowest on record, and that even if there occurs normal precipitation during the last rainy season, there will be a water shortage for domestic irrigation, industrial and water purposes, the state and federal agencies have united in an endeavor to make all available water perform its highest duty and produce the greatest beneficial return from the standpoint of the welfare of the state as a whole.

"Individuals as such cannot cope with this situation," is the frank declaration in the joint appeal. "All must co-operate," the officials say.

Richmond Safe Yet

C. B. Clarke, manager of the East Bay Water company for the Richmond district, said to The News last night that he had not as yet received any instructions from the company about tightening up any on the local water supply, like was done in 1918, and that he anticipated that with ordinary precautions against waste the supply here would be adequate to tide the season over.

The company furnishing this section has a large supply on hand in San Leandro lake, which was not drawn upon much last year. It also has some three or four millions of gallons now in the new San Pablo reservoir. The worst that may happen to Richmond, Clark thinks, would be a possible restriction as to the amount allowed for irrigation later on, but he believes there is plenty to carry the flowers and lawns through. And, of course, much more rain is yet likely to fall.

TIT-BITS OF TRUTH

Only the well insured should play with fire.

Love is the great secret, yet no one can keep it.

As between two professional politicians, be neutral.

The wages of sin is in being found out.

Nom de plume is a pen but it isn't what we call our fountain pen.

Poland is experimenting with a piano-player government.

Solomon was not wise in accumulating 1000 mothers-in-law.

He who calls a spade a spade is usually digging in dirt.

No man is as black as painted, and no woman as red and white.

GREAT IRISH RALLY HERE THIS EVENING

A mass meeting will be held this evening at the Lincoln Auditorium, under the auspices of the Richmond division of the American Commission on Irish Independence.

Chairman Coffey has arranged an entertaining program and the hopes and aspirations of the Irish people in their desire for an independent government will be expressed by the speakers.

Andrew J. Gallagher, sealer of weights and measures, and who has served a number of terms as supervisor of San Francisco, will tell the aims of the Irish nation to become a member of the republics of the world to exercise their inherent rights, even as small nations, to govern themselves and throw off the political bonds of dominating empires.

County Chairman T. M. Carlson will speak of the significance of the laboring people of England in demanding that the right of Ireland to a self-government be granted.

A musical program, under the direction of Miss Sheila Murphy will be given.

Mayor Long, together with a number of prominent Richmond citizens, will be on the platform and assist.

CO-OP CONVENTION TODAY

The annual convention of the co-operative societies will be held in Richmond, starting today. This is the seventeenth year. There will be about 500 delegates present from all parts of the country, and co-operation in all its phases will be discussed.

Among the prominent speakers who will make addresses are Ex-Congressman William Kent and David Starr Jordan, president emeritus of Stanford university.

Mrs. Mary Lucy, a prominent church worker in San Pablo, but now residing in San Francisco, is a Richmond visitor.

A WONDERFUL WORK AT S.O. REFINERY

Richmond to Have Biggest Oil Refinery in World by End of This Year—Foundation Co. Driving 10,000 Piles 80 Feet Long and Working Hundreds of Men—Many Big Buildings.

A most wonderful work is going on every day and night over at the Standard Oil refinery works, so big, in fact, that one can hardly grasp the immensity of it without going over there and putting in half a day just looking around.

What was once waste land, acres and acres, has been and is being filled in with dirt and rock from the neighboring hills and quarries, and every available truck that can be got is hauling the material. Into this newly made land the Foundation company is driving something like ten thousand great piles, eighty feet long, with five great piledrivers, while many steam shovels tear away the hills to obtain dirt and rock.

After this immense and wondrous foundation is laid, dozens of [illegible] constructed of steel and concrete. Into these will go the various large shops, and the space now occupied by half a dozen or more shop buildings will be occupied by refinery work. New stills are being erected, and the works over there present the appearance of a veritable hive of industry.

Millions are being expended by the company in this vast enlargement, ad by the end of the current year Richmond will have the biggest and best oil refinery plant in the world.

This will mean, when the work is completed, the employment of many more men, bringing the total up to probably four to five thousand.

Guardianship Asked Of Court For Boy

Appointment as guardian of the estate and person of Victor H. Alger, aged 14, made an orphan through the death of his father in battle in France and the passing of his mother a short time later, is asked in a petition filed in the superior court Wednesday by W. T. Helms of Richmond, chairman of the Red Cross here. The boy has been under the care of the Richmond Red Cross since the death of his parent.

The petition recites that the youth is beneficiary of an insurance policy carried with the government by the father and that his estate needs attention. T. H. DeLap is attorney for petitioner.

T. P. Powers, who recently lost his young wife in childbirth, has been seriously ill since the tragic occurance, but is now able to be up and around again.

POOR HOOVER HAS NO POLITICAL HOME

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Boies Penrose, having established that Herbert C. Hoover is not a Republican, and William J. Bryan having read him out of the Democratic party, the way is now clear "to get on with the issues" before the country, Herbert Hoover declared today.

"We are making decided progress toward the determination of the attitude of the great political parties on the solutions of the greatest business and social issues for the next election, said Hoover.

"For instance, Penrose has declared that I am not his kind of a Republican. Bryan has declared I am not his kind of a Democrat. Hearst has declared that I have not his variety of patriotism. I at once agree with these gentlemen.

"Having now disposed of this momentous matter, let us get on with the issues—the methods of taxation for instance."

HOUSEWIVES HOLD INTERESTING MEET

The Housewives' league held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at Lincoln auditorium. In the absence of Mrs. Clara Wilson, the president, who is attending the W. C. T. U. convention in San Francisco, Mrs. Marie Ogborn presided.

[illegible] goods, which had been placed some time ago, had been inadvertently lost and would have to be replaced, therefore causing a delay.

Mrs. M. J. Cross, of San Francisco, who is connected with the "Profiteer" magazine of that city, was an interested visitor.

In order to further stimulate interest in the meetings it was decided to set aside one afternoon each month to bring the women together socially. On these occasions light refreshments will be served.

A delegation will attend the Housewives convention in San Francisco today and the following women will attend: Mrs. L. B. Record, Mrs. J. Clyde Lott, Mrs. O. Hall and Mrs. E. A. Absilens.

Mrs. A. M. McGuffin reported that fifty new members have joined the local league.

Councilwoman Marie Ogborn made a stirring address to the women, saying they should show more interest in civic affairs, and inviting all women of the city, interested in the welfare of Richmond, to attend the meetings every Monday night.

TAKEN TO PRISON

A. L. Hollingstead of Richmond, who pleaded guilty to forgery and was denied probation in the court of Superior Judge A. B. McKenzie Tuesday, was taken to San Quentin yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Smiley to commence an indeterminate sentence.

BOYS' CHURCH CLUB

The boys of Trinity Episcopal church will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms tonight at 7:30, in the Berry building, Eighth and Macdonald, to arrange for an Episcopal church boys' club. The club will be in charge of E. Babcock, superintendent of the Episcopal Sunlay schools, with Jack Deming assistant.

SHORT CHANGE GYPSIES UP AGAINST IT

Judge Roth Holds One in Default of $2500 Cash Bail and His Wife Also Under Arrest—National Gypsy Arrives and Attorney Johnston Is Defending—Looks Ignorant.

Joe Stevens, arrested last week by sheriff's officers and said to be John Denetro, was formally charged with attempted grand larceny in the court of Justice of the Peace John Roth at Richmond yesterday. His bail was set at $2500 cash. The alleged attempt at larceny was committed against the First National Bank here, it being charged that Denetro short changed the cashier of $80, but was apprehended.

Joe Mitchell, said to be one of the leading chiefs of gypsies in the United States, arrived here yesterday from Chicago to confer with T. D. Johnston, who has been retained as counsel for Denetro and his wife. The authorities fully expect that the $2500 cash bail will be de[illegible] torney H. V. Alvarado [illegible] release, his wife jumped [illegible] in Stamford, Conn., where it is charged they were arrested for swindling a bank.

A charge of attempted larceny on the Bank of Martines was preferred against Stevens' wife by P. D. Butcher, cashier, yesterday.

At the arraignment yesterday in Judge Roth's court the defendant appeared to be an ignorant Rumanian, but he may be a whole lot more cunning than he appears. He could not write and had to make his mark, also talk by an interpreter.

Constable Alstrom took him back to the county jail in handcuffs, while Attorney T. D. Johnston and the "higher up" gypsy went over to San Francisco to see if bail could be raised. Attorney Tom is taking a correspondence course in Rumanian lingo, and says he expects to clear his clients. The situation, however, is anything but roseate for them just now.

POOL HALLS, SALOONS MUST STOP GAMBLING

Warning that raids on pool halls and former saloons throughout the county will be made unless reported gambling ceases immediately was made from the office of District Attorney A. B. Tinning Wednesday. Notices have been sent to all constables and justices of the peace, it was announced, appraising them of numerous complaints lodged with the district attorney's office and instructing them to notify pool hall owners not to allow gambling in their establishments. Enforcement of the law is to be carried out to the letter, Tinning's instructions to constables declares.

Numerous letters, both anonymous and signed, have been received by the district attorney's office, it was announced, complaining against gambling in pool halls. The letters were not confined to any one district but were from various parts of the county.

SMILINGLY PUT

Head of Firm—How long do you want to be away on your wedding trip?

Hawkins (timidly) — Well, sir—er—what would you say?

Head of Firm—How do I know? I haven't seen the bride.

Language

Funny language, English.

Spill it.

Heard a man yesterday say he wanted a good cook, and he wanted her bad.

Minor Detail

Judge—How could you become so battered by simply going through a door?

Clancy—Sure, I forgot to mention that the door was shut when I went through.

THE BIG DANCE READY FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

There is no doubt but what the dance to be given tomorrow night by the One Minute Girls and the American Legion will be one of the social successes of the season. The girls and their friends have worked hard and faithfully toward this end, and no doubt success will crown their efforts. The dance will be given at East Shore park.

The following are the various committees: Chairman for American Legion, James Somerville; tickets and refreshments, Tsar Calfee; entertainment, Wayne McRackan; decoration, [illegible]

One Minute Girls' committee: Chairman, Nellie Parlier; tickets and refreshments, Mabel Axelson; entertainment, Vivian LaSelle; decoration, Martha Fraser; master of ceremonies, Ideal Whitehead.

One Minute Girls' reception committee: Isabel Greathouse, Alice Woods, Myrtle Pierce, Reitha Dreyspring, Marian McMeniman, Ina Somerville, Freida Moyle, Laura Crampton, Eleanor Axelson, Hilda Carlson.

Refreshment committee: Margaret Clarke, Esther Siemsen, Ruth Somerville, Lelia Follette.

The American Legion eight piece orchestra, composed of ex-service men, will render the music under the direction of Strum and Shaw. Be there if you would enjoy a real good time.

City Plumbing Inspector C. S. Ford is happy because his son, Clyde S. Ford, has returned from Newkirk, Okla., to make his permanent home in Richmond. He brought with him his friend, J. M. Moore, who also plans to make this city his future home.

STATE SCHOOL FOR TECHERS AT RICHMOND

County Pedagogues to Come Here and Get Instruction for the New Part Time Education Law, Which Goes Into Effect July 1—Course Runs Each Saturday 12 Weeks.

A school of instructing teachers in part time education which becomes effective July 1 will be opened by the state at Richmond Saturday, according to announcement by Superintendent of Schools William H. Hanlon. The part time education law makes it obligatory on all persons under 17 years of age to attend school one hour daily four days of the week. In 1921 all persons under 18 will be affected by the measure.

Contra Costa high school teachers who are to secure instruction in part time education may attend either the Richmond school or one already established at Berkeley, Hanlon announced. Designation of the teachers who are to take the course is left in the hands of the boards of the schools. Either one or two teachers from each school may be named.

[illegible] has not as yet made its selections, Prof. B. X. Tucker stated to The News last night, but a number have already signified their intention of attending the new school of instruction, among them being Mr. Neeley, Mr. Brodsky, Miss Ashfield, Miss Strauss, Mrs. Shedden and Prof. Tucker.

Laborites Dance This Evening

The Centraj Labor Council of Contra Costa county met Thursday night in the Labor Temple and appointed a committee to have charge of the dance to be given by the council at East Shore park tonight. Arrangements are being made for a fine evening, and a large attendance is anticipated. The committee includes the following members: H. J. Hebrard, of the Boilermakers; William Kramer, of the Musicians; H. L. Wood, of the Butchers; George V. Phillips, of the Retail Clerks.

The trial of Lawrence Turiado, charged with an offense against a 15-year-old girl, will be tried before Justice of the Peace John Roth today.

Women Interested In Banking

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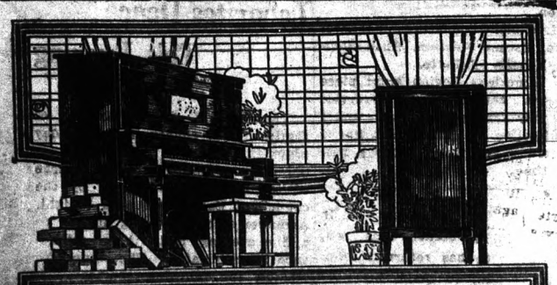

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DISCUSSING RELIGION.

Now that the war is over many of the big city dailies have more space than news, so quite a sprinkling of them recently have been discussing religion. We are glad to note this, as no one we know of needs a few hard jolts of real religion more than our metropolitan contemporaries.

They do not arrive anywhere in particular on those subjects, but flounder around a good deal, splash the soup of theology on to the table cloth, and stir up more or less thought, and that is about all any of us can do.

The old heaven, located off somewhere up in the air, with pearly gates, golden streets and peopled by winged shades strumming eternally on stringed instruments, is not accepted any more, other than a fanciful stretch of a vivid imagination, any more than is the literal hell down in the bowels of the earth, where forked-tailed devils jab the inhabitants with pitchforks, feed 'em on boiling oil and waste good coal on such riff-raff as Jay Gould, Russell Sage, J. Pierpont Morgan, Benedict Arnold, Kaiser Bill, Hindenburg, Von Tirpitz and the Crown Quince.

But in cutting away from certain old theories and dogmas one should not lose sight of the basic and fundamental facts, which are easy to understand and plain enough to see if one will but look and think. Those facts are the great Master Power over all and the great truth of Immortality.

Heaven is probably all around everywhere, and so is hell. Each of us gets some of both as we go along, according to the kind of lives we lead. As to how much of either we are to get in the hereafter nobody knows and no one ever comes back to tell us about it, so we have to guess at that a good deal and trust to the mercy and goodness of that great Master Power.

But the one who cannot figure out the truths of an immortal existence of some kind is very poor at figures, as the evidences are all around us by the millions.

GREAT IS THE LAW.

Ignorantia legis neminem excuset is a well-known principle of the law. It means that if you mow off most of your countenance with a gun, the fact that you didn't know the gun was loaded will not mitigate your injuries. A farmer in Kentucky learned this to his cost, when he unlawfully, cruelly and with malice aforethought did tempt, incite and otherwise provoke a mule into kicking him, or words to that effect. The courts set aside a verdict for the unfortunate man on the ground that his ignorance of the general hairtriggered propensities of mules—he had hitherto driven nothing but oxen—was no mitigating circumstance.

The law does a number of fearful and wonderful things, but once in a while it issues a decision of undoubted wisdom. In holding that the mule "would have been untrue to himself and false to every tradition of his breed" if he had not visited condign punishment on the man who was bold enough to intrude into the effective range of his latter end, the learned judge has laid down a precedent that will be of inestimable advantage to mules for all generations to come. With their kicking qualities advanced from the dubious state of tradition to the firm basis of a legally recognized right, the era of emancipation for mules is at hand. Bray triumphantly, O humble servant of mankind!

It is only a step now until human nature, as well as mule nature, will be taken into consideration by the courts.

CIVILIZATION'S JUNK PILE.

The civilized and enlightened world is now accumulating a long-needed junk pile and it will soon be high with rubbish which has been accumulating for centuries.

Into this junk pile are being dumped kings and potentates, emperors and czars, autocrats, royalty and majesty, princes, lords, dukes, crowns and thrones, along with other dead cats and decayed vegetation which needs incineration and oblivion.

They lived on the fat of the land while the people lived on black bread. They wore purple and fine linens and golden crowns while the people wore rags and wooden shoes. They tortured prisoners even as Christ was crucified. They devastated whole countries, bayonetted babies and fed women's virtue to the lust of brutes as carion might be fed to wolves and vultures.

Now, devil take them, let them pay the price which all humanity will say is just and right.

THINKOGRAPHS.

After some fellows go to church their clothes look like they had slept in them.

A lot of us mix up more or less pills for others that we would not swallow ourselves.

If you will not take the time and trouble to do small things well, it is doubtful if you ever get the chance to do big things at all.

A fool and his money are soon parted, but nobody mentions it to him until after the parting.

Times change. Our tool chest shows every corkscrew rusty and all the canopeners shining like burnished steel.

Don't be long-winded. The best verse in the Bible has only three words, namely: "God is Love."

To meet the increased cost of living, make more money. To make more money, do more work.

Tight corsets make a woman's nose red, but it's getting tight all over that reddens the male proboscis.

Some people believe in sprinkling instead of immersion, and some look as though they practice it.

The voice of the people is not the voice of God when it screams for something wrong, as it frequently does.

In Saint Louis they are threatening to cut pies into eighths. Why not? That will be only 70 cents profit on something costing about 15 cents.

The higher up you go the more chance you get to pass the buck and the fewer chances of having it passed to you. The buck is always passed down.

Secretary Baker advises the people to keep up their high living standards. Baker ought to get a few tips from Hoover and go to the market now and then to price eggs and bacon.

Of course we all sympathize with the under dog, but in the case of Germany it will be well to hold the sob stuff in check until the under dog gets entirely cured of rabies.

"What is the Bavarian Diet that has played such havoc with the Wittelsbach dynasty?" asks the inquisitive subscriber. The only Bavarian diet we know anything about is Muenchener, pigknuckles and sauerkraut.

The man who loses his job because he boozed, never blames himself, but clamors for an amendment to the constitution to curb the Soulless Corporations.

Matrimony becomes invested with difficulty when the road to the altar passes by a grocery store displaying a sign reading, "Bacon, 70 Cents a Pound."

Ask the President if he is happy and he would probably say sure, just like any married man does when his wife is around, but just what any man wants of the presidential job is a puzzle.

Curious Subscriber, speaking about Holland, asks what neutral really means. Well, if two fellows scrap over a 5 bill, one claiming it is good and the other claiming it is counterfeit, and a third chap puts it in his pocket and walks off, leaving them to fight it out, that last guy is neutral.

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Two years in Medical Corps
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TALK NO. 5

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Every disease must have a cause. When you turn the water on at the hydrant to which is connected a hose and it merely dribbles out the nozzle, you look back the hose for a kink or see who is standing on it and when you find the cause and you remove it the water flows freely. When your stomach goes wrong and you take drugs you are doctoring the nozzle, without one thought of the cause. You are treating effects and not the cause.

The thing that supplies you with life or any other organ with life are the nerves and pressure upon the nerves does the same thing as pressing upon the hose. The Chiropractor can remove that nerve pressure by straightening the vertebrae of the spine.

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BOUND VOLUMES OF THE THINKOGRAPH MAGAZINE

This office has on hand yet about 150 handsomely bound volumes of the Thinkograph magazine, handsomely printed on fine book paper and profusely illustrated. These sell for 50 cents each and as soon as these remaining few are gone they will be entirely out of circulation. They contain some of the best writings of Editor Hulanisky and in magazine form made quite a hit all over America. There are also about 100 copies of stapled volumes, at 25c each. There will never be any more of either of these books, so if you wish to preserve one or more, now is the time. The prices quoted are less than actual cost. —tf

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—Log Cabin Camp No. 637 meets every Monday in W. O. W. Hall, 707 Macdonald Avenue. Consul Commander, H. B. Hollenbaugh, residence 239 4th street; Clerk, H. L. Springer, residence 101 Ohio St.

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PINS NOT LONG PERFECTED

Production of the Really Finished Product Only Dates Back to the Year 1824.

In 1776 the American congress, realizing the absolute necessity for pins in the development of the civilization of the country, offered a bonus of $30 for the first twenty-five dozen domestic pins equal to those imported from England.

In 1797 Timothy Harris of England devised the first solid-headed pin.

American inventive genius, as usual, continued on the job until the best idea was hit upon. Lemuel Wellman Wright of this country invented a machine in 1824 which gave the industry much headway. His machine made solid heads to the pins by a process similar to the making of nails, by driving a portion of the pin itself into a countersunk hole. This was done automatically and consisted of a device by which the wire was seized in two small grooved cheeks. When both cheeks are placed face to face, the wire is held tightly in the groove with a small portion projecting, a small hammer connected with the machine strikes on the projecting portion, thus forming the head.

Seven years later, in 1831, John Ireland Howe, a doctor in Bellevue hospital, New York, invented a machine for making perfect solid-headed pins. A company was organized and a factory started at Derby, Conn.

STIRRED COURT TO PROTEST

Judge Had Stood for a Good Deal From "Rattled" Attorney, but There Was a Limit.

A surgeon once confessed to Sir Edward Carson that on the night before he was to be cross-examined by him he dreamed he was on the operating table and Sir Edward was ruthlessly dissecting him. It is one of the most trying ordeals in life to be cross-examined by a skillful counsel. Sometimes, however, the counsel suffers from nervousness or indecision, and an amusing case is cited by Mr. J. A. Strahan in his book, "The Bench and the Bar of England."

It is not necessary to relate the beginning of the tale. The counsel's condition is concisely summed up in this despairing cry from the judge:

"Mr. Attorney, so long as you consistently called the plaintiff, whose name is Jones, by the name of Smith, and the defendant, whose name is Smith, by the name of Jones, the jury and I could follow you; but now that you have introduced the name of Robinson, without indicating in any way whether you mean it to refer to the plaintiff or to the defendant, or to both indifferently, we are beginning to get bothered a bit!"

Really Wonderful Machine.

Samuel Slocum of Connecticut invented the first pin-sticking machine. Doctor Howe utilized it in his factory in 1841. This machine is almost human in its workings. One workman feeds it with pins and another feeds it with papers. The first part of this machine is a box about 12 inches long by 6 inches broad and 4 inches deep; the bottom is made of small square steel bars, sufficiently wide apart to let the shank of the pin fall through, but not the heads, and they are just as thick as the space between the papered pins. The lower part of the bottom of the box is made to detach itself as soon as the row of pins is complete, and row after row at regular intervals is received and passed down a corresponding set of grooves, until they reach the paper, which is punched into regular folds and pierced to receive the pins, which come exactly at their places and are pressed into them.

Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway.

Is there a question on God's round earth more interesting than the following: "What attracted William Shakespeare to Anne Hathaway?" She was a woman ten years his senior. He married her when he was 18. She lived in a thatched cottage in the hamlet of Shottery (you may see the cottage today). While his imagination was away among the kings and queens and women of rare blossoming, whose beauty ruled cautious men, whose nimble wit overthrew the Shylocks of the middle ages, Shakespeare chose Anne Hathaway. She bore him two sons and a daughter, and in his will he left her his best bed.—Chicago Journal.

Man's Ever-Faithful Friend.

No final estimate of a man in his community can be made till we are told what children and the dogs thought about him. The only trouble is that dogs are likely to be too fondly indulgent. They will follow the tramp as soon as the millionaire, the commoner as readily as royalty. They look into a man's eyes, not into his pockets. If they find kindness in his aspect they do not care about his purse. They will starve and suffer with him and adventure anywhere. When he fails they have no condemnation. Their love once placed is unchanging.—Exchange.

How Does She Do It.

Woman's moral courage is known to be superior to man's and we often wonder, as we look about the fashionable restaurant and note what and how much of it a slim young girl can eat, whether it's that or an unusually efficient digestive apparatus that keeps her from doubling up and groaning then and there, as we are certain we should do under like circumstances.—Ohio State Journal.

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FAITH OF THE STRONG AT THE RICHMOND

"Faith of the Strong," in which Select Pictures presents Mitchell Lewis, will be seen at the Richmond theater today, for the first time in this city.

The plot of the story concerns the experiences of a typical French-Canadian woodsman, whose passion for recklessness is overshadowed by the great faith which comes to him through the love of a woman of the North.

Paul La Rue, te character portrayed in this attraction by Mitchell Lewis, is the leading figure of the lawless gang which holds sway over the lumber camp of Louis Rey. The other side of the settlement is under the watchful care of a kind-hearted minister. La Rue resents the minister's attempt to give him counsel, and he threatens to burn the church.

Firemen Play Whist And Sample Eats

The whist party of the Veteran Firemen's Association took place at their hall, Standard avenue, Wednesday night. A large crowd was in attendance, and a right royal time enjoyed. At the close of the game refreshments were served.

The prize winners were: A. Radar, gentlemen's first; William Paaschm, gentlemen's second, and F. A. Gautoeinie, gentlemen's third; Mrs. William Ellis, ladies' first; Mrs. Wilson, ladies' second, and Mrs. H. C. Lee, ladies' third.

M. E. Ladies Give A Social Banquet

The ladies of the First Methodist church held their first banquet last night at the church parlors. These banquets were a regular monthly feature until the flu made their discontinuance desirable for a time. Besides the many good things to eat, there were sports in the basement and choir practice.

Mrs. Ada Hocking and Harry Seaton were in charge of the choir and Mrs. T. D. Owens and Mrs. W. T. Gibbon assisted in the banquet.

NO MORE FLU

That Richmond is living up to its reputation of being the healthiest city in and around the bay regions is attested to by the fact that no more reports are coming in on flu, which is practically over so far as Richmond is concerned, only a few cases of measles have been reported, and they are light. On the whole, the general health of the city is good, say the authorities at the health office.

ENTERTAINS BROTHERS

Mrs. A. G. Powell entertained her three brothers at her home, 433 Thirteenth street, Wednesday. This is the first time the family has been together for several years. The brothers are: George Kroner of Salt Lake City, John Kroner of St. Louis and Fred Kroner of Lima, Montana. Those present at the luncheon included Messrs. and Mesdames O. D. Keithly, Mesdames Carruthers, McKee and son, and M. Smith and son and daughter of San Francisco.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

A new and complete Registration of Voters is required by law during the year 1920.

Every person entitled thereto must register thirty days before any election at which he or she desires to vote.

Registration for the purpose of voting at Municipal Elections for towns of the Sixth class, closes March 12th, 1920.

Registration for the purpose of voting at Presidential Primary Election, closes April 3rd, 1920.

Registration for the purpose of voting at August Primary Election closes July 31st, 1920.

Registration for the purpose of voting at General Election closes October 2nd, 1920.

You may register with the County Clerk or any of his deputies.

Dated: January 20th, 1920.

J. H. WELLS,
County Clerk of Contra Costa County, State of California.

The following are Registration Deputies:

A. H. MacKinnon—El Cerrito.
Frank Conlon—El Cerrito.
Mrs. Grace E. Castner—El Cerrito.
J. Sandvick—El Cerrito.
W. H. Williams—Giant.
Geo. E. Valencia—San Pablo.
Frank Silva—San Pablo.
Mrs. Marie Smith—Rodeo.
A. C. Faris—City Hall, Richmond.
J. A. Deadrich—City Hall.
Miss Georgia Johnson—209 Richmond Avenue.
Arthur D. King—104 Washington Avenue.
Miss Virginia Griffins—420 Macdonald Avenue.
Martin J. Gordon—319 Macdonald Avenue.
J. H. Plate—610 Macdonald Ave.
Mrs. Jennie Lincoln—307 35th St.
John A. Miller—Pt. San Pablo.
Miss Pearl Anglum—2235 Macdonald Avenue.
Mrs. Marie L. Ogborn—821 Bissell Avenue.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa.
In the Matter of the Estate of Antone Zievas, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Antone Zievas, deceased, to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said deceased, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County, State of California, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to the said Administrator at the office of J. E. Rodgers and A. F. Bray, Attorneys at Law, Byron Brown Building, Martinez, California, the same being designated as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated February 5th, 1920.

CHARLES E. DALEY,
Administrator of the Estate of Antone Zievas, Deceased.
J. E. RODGERS,
A. F. BRAY,
Attorneys for Administrator,
Martinez, California w-t-5

GREET FATHER PORTA

A farewell reception to Rev. Joseph Porta, pastor of San Pablo, Pinole and Rodeo, was held in the church hall last evening. A large crowd was in attendance to bid this popular priest farewell. He has lived here a long number of years and has made a host of friends, who regret his departure.

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The News will make a present of $5 in cash for the best 100-word article on the Richmond Harbor project, written by a woman, and another $5 for the best one written by a school child of any age.

Most of our people should be familiar now with the Richmond harbor project, why it is needed, what it will accomplish, how it will benefit Richmond and why the work should be completed. In writing about it, we suggest that a trip be made to the top of some Point Richmond hill and a view taken of the harbor, so the great possibilities can be realized by actually looking at it.

Try to confine the article to 100 words, or nearly so, as we hope and expect to have quite a number of them and desire to publish them all.

Sign your name to the article and bring or mail it to The News. On April 1 decision as to merit will be made and the $10 cash presents be sent out, with announcement as to who gets them.

MODERN BUNGALOW CLOSE IN

$2300 will buy this fine 4-room bungalow; one block from Macdonald avenue on Fifth street; small cash payment, balance $35 per month including interest; possession given about March 10; lot has driveway for auto. If you want something good, close in, worth the price and more, call and see E. J. Crandall, 235 Seventh street, or phone 1211. 1t

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Local Laconics Ot Richmondites

Carl Ney, who disappeared from the home of his mother in El Cerrito, February 16, was found Wednesday morning near Hayward. He was in the company of a negro. The lad refuses to give any reason for his disappearance and was returned to his family yesterday.

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The Central Labor Council of Contra Costa county yesterday approved the formation of the Richmond branch of the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' Legion. The duty of organizing this legion was put in the hands of F. Worthman, chairman.

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Attorney W. S. Robenson was in San Francisco on legal business yesterday.

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J. E. Marshall, 245 South Seventh street, is confined to his home with the flu.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Breck and daughter left yesterday for San Diego, where they will make their future home. Breck was for many years a cigar merchant here, his store being on the corner of Twenty-third and Macdonald avenue.

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Robert Forest, a Standard Oil employee, who has been at Cottage hospital with the flu, has been discharged as cured.

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Attorney C. D. Horner was in San Francisco on business yesterday.

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H. V. Alvarado was in Martinez yesterday on court business.

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Rev. H. Blake Hadlow of Trinity Episcopal church spent yesterday in San Francisco attending a healing mission given by Rev. Dr. Healy in Grace Cathedral, on California street. Some of Rev. Healy's achievements in the way of divine healing are said to be very remarkable.

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The gym class of the Richmond Y. M. C. A. went swimming in Berkeley yesterday afternoon.

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The body of Mrs. Celia Mack, wife of H. D. Mack, 617 Third street, was shipped from the Wilson & Donnelly undertaking parlors to New York at the request of the young woman's relatives.

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The body of James H. Martin, who died in this city Wednesday, at his home, 436 Ninth street, will be shipped this morning at 10 o'clock by the Curry undertaking parlors to Grass Valley for interment.

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Mrs. Florence Metz, wife of Walter J. Metz, a Standard Oil employee, died Wednesday at her home, 642 Second street. The body was shipped by Wilson & Donnelly to Coulterville for interment. She is survived by her husband and an infant daughter.

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Mrs. W. D. Mason of East Richmond will entertain the Home Club this afternoon with a luncheon and bridge at the Hotel Oakland.

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An important special meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for tonight to discuss a number of matters important to the future growth and prosperity of Richmond.

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A birthday party was given to Glenny Weldon, living out by the News scribe's 2x4 ranch, Wednesday evening, at which a crowd of his playmates gathered and made merry with music, games, good eats and a general jolly time. Glen is a pretty fine chap.

"Both," replied Dr. A. I. Nahman.

"Ah!" remarked the happy father. "Twins!"

"Guess again," replied the doctor. "Triplets!"

Whereupon Gustav Bergson demanded proof. In a white room marked "Maternity" there stood three little cribs. The mother had not suggested any names, but an enterprising nurse, for purposes of identification, had placed a card above each crib, and the cards read, Jewel, Cricket and Jack.

"They're all yours," said the doctor. "Two girls and a boy."

"Holy smoke!" remarked Bergson. "Yesterday I had five children. Today it's eight. Well, God bless 'em, I'm glad they're here."

TELEGRAPH

2,000,000 EMPLOYEES WANT RAIL VETO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Representatives of the railroad brotherhoods called at the White House today to present a memorial to President Wilson urging that he veto the compromise railroad bill. They were joined by representatives of the Farmers' National Council, who supplemented a previous request for veto with written argument.

The visitors did not see the President, but were received by Secretary Tumulty, who promised to lay the memorials and other documents before the executive.

The brotherhood memorial set forth "the reasons why the more than 2,000,000 railroad employes believe the President should veto the railroad bill, and return it to congress."

47 AUTOS DESTROYED IN SUISUN FIRE

SUISUN, Feb. 26.—Forty-seven automobiles worth $75,000 were destroyed by a fire that last night burned three buildings here at a loss of $92,000.

The fire departments of Suisun and Fairfield and scores of citizens prevented further damage in the business section, which was seriously threatened. A match or cigarette dropped in oil in the Mayfield & Long garage is believed to have started the fire. Only two automobiles were saved.

DEMOCRATS DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVE

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The platform adopted by the New York state Democrats today demanded immediate ratification of the peace treaty "without disreuctive reservations;" commended labor for its part in the world conflict; declared for adjustment of relations of capital and labor that will end strikes, boycotts and lockouts; demanded congressional action that would reduce tax burdens; commended administration of Governor Smith; opposed national prohibition and declared for the speedy repeal of the eighteenth amendment (national prohibition).

MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO THREE BABIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—"Is it a boy or a girl?" inquired Gustav Bergson, ironworker, who had come to the Mount Zion hospital to get news of the big Event.

RUSS WANT PEACE WITH U. S. AND JAPAN

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The soviet commissary of foreign affairs has despatched notes to the United States, Japan and Rumania, offering them peace with soviet Russia, according to a wireless despatch from Moscow received here today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Business relations will be opened between soviet Russia and the allied countries within a short time, Acting Secretary of State Polk predicted today at the White House. He stated that he has not yet seen the reported peace offer, which London despatches declared soviet Russia had forwarded to this country.

OAKLAND WOMEN HYSTERICAL OVER CASE

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Forty women from the bay cities today stormed the rear door of the Alameda county jail, demanding to see Miss C. Aanita Whitney, and declaring that an indignation mass meetig would be held tomorrow or Saturday to protest against her conviction and sentence on a charge of syndicalism.

The women, members of various went tosided.icicsonv, SHR SH SH clubs and the Irish Education league, went to Judge James C. Quinn's court to be present when Miss Whitney made her appeal for release on bail. The case was put over until Monday afternoon, whereupon the women went to the jail bearing bouquets for the convicted woman.

Admittance was denied them, and they voiced their protest by pounding on the door and screaming at the jailers. One woman gave three cheers for soviet Russia.

Mrs. Halvorn Hauck of 2071 San Antonio avenue, Alameda, counseled moderation and urged that a mass meeting be held on the jail lawn. Nathan Coghlan, counsel for Miss Whitney, advised against this, and Mrs. Hauck then announced that the meeting would be held in some uptown hall tomorrow or Saturday.

MANY LEGENDS OF THE HAW

Scarlet Berry Regarded in Some Parts of the World as the Emblem of Hope.

Around Little Rock the haw is seen in the full glory of its fruitage. In woods that are dull and brown its myriad berries greet the eye with a warm red of glowing coals. Here is a single tree, its spreading branches studded all over with scarlet fruit. It makes a picture that seems to be waiting to be transferred to canvas. Further on are five or six trees standing together their mass showing a wealth of color that a landscape artist might rejoice to reproduce with his art. Any one of scores of groups of these trees would, in a public park or large private grounds, be a never-ending object of admiration.

He who has not read of hawthorn hedges has not read the literature of England, remarks a writer in the Little Rock Gazette. In that country of beautiful landscapes the haw blooms in many spots that have been beautified by long years of care. And it has its legends, both pagan and Christian. It has been regarded as the emblem of hope and its branches are said to have been carried by the ancient Greeks in wedding processions and to have been used to deck the altar of Hymen. An old superstition in the British Isles accounts it unlucky to uproot a haw. There has been for centuries a story that this tree was the source of Christ's crown of thorns, and there is a tradition among French peasants that, in its innocence, it utters groans and cries on the anniversary of the day when he whose birth we celebrate on Christmas, suffered death upon the cross.

SEEK WEALTH UNDER OCEAN

Miners Think Little of Burrowing Beneath the Waves in Their Pursuit for Treasure.

Man is a burrowing animal. In the pursuit of wealth he will even burrow under the sea. The most valuable iron mines in Nova Scotia are under the ocean. There are outcroppings of the ore beds on shore, but the miners follow them far out as they dip down under the sea floor.

It might be asked, how do they prevent the sea floor from caving in upon them? No trouble at all about that. Enough of the iron-bearing material is left untouched to serve as pillars, upholding the roof.

Elsewhere on the coast of Nova Scotia coal is mined in the same way, under the sea. It is an excellent quality of bituminous coal. On the coast of Cornwall, in England, mining is done for tin under the ocean, the lodes being followed out from shore. The bottom is of solid granite and the workmen can actually hear the boulders rolling about over their heads as the storm waves drive them about.

In one case a vein extraordinarily rich in tin was found at extreme low water in a patch of rock. A bulkhead was built around the rock and a shaft sunk, large quantities of precious ore being taken out before a storm wiped out the work.

Great Writers and Their Dogs.

In the Cornhill Magazine Percy Stevenson writes of the affection of Sir Walter Scott for his dogs. An author surely is known not merely by the books he writes but by the company he keeps among the "brute creation." Sir Walter's affection for dogs, the writer tells us, "amounted almost to a passion." Byron loved dogs because they were unlike men, Mr. Stevenson declares, but Scott cared for them for their own sweet selves. Is it too much to assert that in return for his devotion to them the dogs of whom Scott wrote will help to assure the immortality of his writings? Dr. John Brown will be remembered not for his three volumes of sketches, "Horae Subsecivae," but for the tender and unforgettable "Rab and His Friends."

Oddities of the Frog.

If size of the head were an index of brain power the frog would be an intellectual prodigy. Its cranium is huge, but its brain is very small in proportion to the body.

The frog has only nine vertebrae—fewer than any other animal with a backbone possesses. Lacking ribs, it is obliged to swallow by gulps the air it breathes, instead of projecting its chest as we do and creating a vacuum for air to pour into.

The frog is in his way one of the most wonderful animals known, inasmuch as he begins life as a vegetable-eating fish (or the equivalent), and later on turns into a carnivorous air-breathing land quadruped.—Kansas City Star.

"Arabian Nights" Authors Unknown.

The "Arabian Nights" came to us out of the mysterious East with no hint of authorship. They were first made known to Europe by Antoine Galland, a French orientalist, between 1704 and 1717. Not only is the authorship of the stories not known, but, indeed, the flood of manuscripts that bear them down to our times differ widely. In their most complete form we have 262 tales, though this does not include one of the most famous stories, that of Aladdin, the Arabic text of which has been known but a few years.

Tree Seeds for Belgium.

Kentucky's commissioner of forestry is having a hundred bushels of maple and oak tree seeds collected in his state for shipment to Belgium, to be planted in the war-devastated areas of that country.

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DOUGLAS FIR WIDELY USED

American Tree Attains Splendid Proportions and Is Remarkably Assertive and Prolific.

Douglas fir is the name given to one of the best timber trees in the western part of the country. Specimens are common with a diameter of 15 feet, and travelers in the belt where they grow report having seen them 20 feet in diameter and tapering straight to a height of from 250 to 300 feet.

The coast range of the Sierras provides the best trees. Only the famous redwood and two or three other growths exceed the fir in size, and none except the yellow pine produces so much commercial timber. The tree is sometimes styled the Oregon pine, but foresters say it is more of a hemlock. Its botanical name is "false hemlock," although that designation is not generally approved.

It is one of the most assertive and most prolific of timber growths. Foresters say that no other produces so many trees to the acre, and when a grove is started it crowds out growths of other species. It finds a wide variety of uses, being made into telegraph poles, ship masts and derrick booms, and is also used for interior finish. Coarse and fine-grained woods are turned out from it, according to the age. The annual rings are nearly as thick after the first century or so of growth as in the earlier years, and so the same tree may yield more than one grade of timber. Full-grown trees are more than 100 years old.

HUMAN NATURE NOT CHANGED

All Records Show That Mankind Has Remained Much the Same Through the Ages.

Read the oldest records of our race, and you will find the writers holding up to admiration, or relating with heartfelt emotion, the facts that we ourselves most delight in. The fidelity of Joseph to his master, the love of Hector for his wife and child, come home to our hearts as suddenly as to those of the ancient Hebrew among the Syrian mountains, or the pagan Greek in the islands of the Aegean sea . . . The first Chaldean who observed that the planets seem to journey among the other stars, and not merely rise and set in with them, that Jupiter and Sirius follow different laws, knew a truth which is now the foundation of astronomy in London and Paris no less than of old in Babylon. The first Egyptian, who, meditating on curved figures, discerned that there is one in which all the lines from one point to the circumference are equal, gained the idea of a circle, such as it has presented itself to every later man from Thales and Euclid down to Laplace and Herschel. Nay, those who most exalt the requirements of our age compared with the past—and they can hardly be too much exalted—must admit that all progress implies continuity—that we can take a step forward only by having firm footing for the step behind it. —John Sterling.

Early Diving Apparatus.

The first record of the use of an apparatus in diving, says a writer in the Christian Science Monitor, is when Alexander the Great made a descent in a machine which kept him dry and allowed him to obtain air from a reservoir. Pliny writes about divers carrying one end of a leather pipe between their teeth, while the upper end was attached to a floating bladder, but it was not until 1819 that Augustus Siebe constructed an apparatus supplied with compressed air by means of a hand pump, as today. His dress was an open one, with the air entering the top of the helmet and escaping under its edge, so that if the diver stooped the helmet became flooded, and was consequently dangerous. In 1830, however, he designed the closed dress, as now used, with several important improvements.

Before Needles and Thread.

Thorns and fish bones were used as a means of fastening clothing long before the discovery of needles and thread. Among the remains of the lake dwellers of central Europe have been found a great number of pins, some of bone and others of bronze. Some are quite fancy, having ornamental heads, while others are clumsily fashioned. Some have double stems and a few have been found that were made exactly like the safety pins of today. Among Egyptian and Greek ruins have been found many specimens of artistically made pins. Ancient roman bronze pins and bone hairpins, with fancy heads, have been found at Pompeii. The Romans also made very elaborate fibulae, similar to the present day brooch.

The "Punch" in Gasoline.

The genie that came out of the bottle in the "Arabian Nights" story became, when liberated, a monstrous power. The energy stored in a pint of gasoline is hardly less stupendous.

One pint of gasoline represents 12,000 "B. T. U.'s" of energy. A "B. T. U." (the abbreviation for British thermal unit) will lift 750 pounds one foot. Thus there is in that single pint of innocent looking fluid enough power to lift six tons 750 feet into the air—that is to say, 200 feet higher than the top of Washington monument.—Kansas City Star.

That Bridge Fiend.

"Who is Edith to marry?" "His name is Bridge." 'Good gracious! Is she carrying the craze as far as that?"—Boston Transcript.

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MATRONS VISIT OAKLAND

A crowd of Richmond people went to Oakland last night, for Matrons' night. Mrs. Della Long acted as Adah; Mrs. Burdon, worthy matron of Crockett chapter, was associate conductress, while Mrs. Lucy Roe, worthy matron of Miramar chapter, was associate matron. Leslie Woodworth was the soloist of the evening. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Blake. The following attended: Mr. and Mrs. Burdick, Mr. and Mrs. Petillion, Mesdames Blake, Long, Roe, Burdon, Newcomb, Hall, Whalen, Marshall and Messrs. Woodworth and Poulson.

A GOOD WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Joseph Anthony, wife of a Standard Oil employee, died at the Craven hospital Tuesday. The body will be shipped by Wilson & Donnelly today to San Francisco for interment.

Mrs. Anthony was a kind and charitable woman, who spent her life in doing good to others, and her untimely passing will be mourned by a wide circle of friends.

BOMB NOTES SENT LEGION OFFICERS

OAKLAND, Feb. 26.—Letters threatening American Legion officials with death if they render aid to the prosecution of the Centralia murder cases, when five men were slain in an Armistice day parade, have been received by Walter J. Petersen, commander of the Oakland post, and George E. Price, its secretary.

That such letters have been received became known today when Petersen, as captain of inspectors in the Oakland police department, inaugurated a vigorous investigation in an effort to determine the authorship of the letters.

The latest letter to be received was sent to Secretary Price. It is now in the hands of the police, who have made a microscopic examination of it in the hope of gleaning some clew which may lead to the arrest of the senders.

The letter bears an Oakland postmark. It mentions the activity of the Legion in connection with the prosecution of the I. W. W. members alleged to be responsible for the massacre of Legion men while they were marching in a patriotic parade in Centralia, Wash., November 11, Armistice day.

There was a big ring around the moon last night, so look out for rain in a few days now.

POINTER FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

CROCKETT, Feb. 26.—The new Community Auditorium in this city, the gift of the directors of the California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining company to the people, was dedicated last night with attractive ceremonies.

The new auditorium is situated in Alexander park, named after the president of the board of directors of the sugar company. For the dedication ceremonies it was brilliantly lighted and decorated with Japanese lanterns and more than 1500 people gathered there to listen to the program.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of several hundred. It is the desire of the board of directors that this building be used by the people of the community. Social gatherings, dances, club parties, school commencements, society meetings which have a distinctly public interest, physical exercises for the pupils of the schools, gatherings that the people of all the community desire to hold—these are te purposes for which the Community Auditorium has been designed.

NOTED SPEAKER

David Starr Jordan will speak Sunday night at Wesley Methodist church. In the morning Rev. Paul Little will speak on "Co-Operation, Seen and Unseen." The subject is timely and apropos and ought to attract a big crowd. Prof. Jordan is a noted speaker.

WHO WILL BE QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL?

George Kelly, Walter Galloway and J. M. Barellies are the committee in charge of the Eagles' carnival, to be given in this city in the near future. Already keen interest is being aroused among the younger set and the votes for queen go on merrily.

Ballot boxes have been placed in all the prominent stores. Miss Lillian Pera is the latest candidate for queen honors and, incidentally, the winning of the $100 diamond ring. The record of votes to date is as follows:

Miss Ethel McChristian is in the lead today with 249 votes; Miss Henrietta Michaels, second, 230; Miss Ethel Hall, 227; Miss Lana Milena, 225, and Miss Pearl Hayes, 190.

The diamond ring to be presented to the queen the night she is crowned is on exhibition at the F. O. Dietrich jewelry store on Macdonald avenue.

A part of the shows and amusement features arrived yesterday and are being placed on the Santa Fe lot.

This is the first carnival of the year to be given in Richmond and much interest is being shown, as a great big week of fun and enjoyment is in store for all.

T. M. Calfee and wife, who went to Visalia last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Calfee's brother, J. M. Switzer, a well known resident of that town, returned to Richmond yesterday.

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